

It has been a Good Year!

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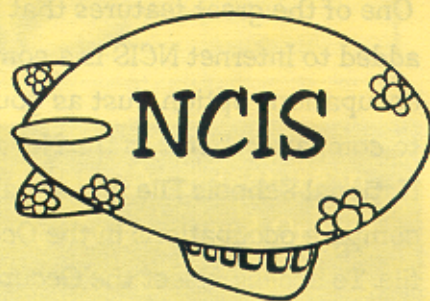
Each year we survey our NCIS sites to obtain feedback on the new system enhancements as well as on the functionality of the NCIS overall. This year we had 70 site coordinators respond to the survey. We would like to share some of the highlights gathered from their responses.

Of the 70, nearly all have internet access, which is important to know as we head towards a world of Internet NCIS. Concerning the Internet version, some notable comments included "Easy to navigate and user friendly.", "Home access is wonderful for students." and "Very happy SKILLS is online, the layout is much improved, and the students like the videos." Some found the Internet connection to be slow and in response we contacted the developers of the Internet version. They assured us the system is designed so that no page takes longer than 4 seconds to load utilizing a 28K modem speed (the slowest of the slow). They indicated the problem with slow speed has more to do with traffic at individual sites than with the design of the program. It seems technology can be a curse and a blessing!

The other hot topic in the survey was the addition of assessment/sorting tools to Internet NCIS. As noted above- SKILLS, a long time favorite on the CD version is now online. Other tools available include the O*Net Interest Profiler and the Work Importance Locator.

The majority of the responses were positive in nature and all others were constructive and helpful. When asked for a favorite part of the system, respondents most frequently cited "ease of use/user friendly", "occupational information", "availability to the public" and "educational information". Some appreciate the system for working with particular clients- "Great Program!, This service has been a wonderful resource for the inmates. It is greatly appreciated", "I think this is a great resource for students", and "Great program and we use it daily in our counseling of transitioning military members and family members in doing a job search. Thanks."

And on that note we want to thank you our site coordinators, for all you do to make sure NCIS is utilized to the fullest. Thank you and have a great summer!



Did You Know?

The NCIS website has a new and improved look! Go to- www.nvdetr.org/ncis. You will find information on the system, including troubleshooting, updates and what's new. It is a great way to keep up to date with Nevada's Career Information System changes and to get the most out of the system. Check it out today!



The Future is Bright!

The future is looking good on the NCIS front with a great deal in the works for the system files. This winter the Nevada and the National School Files will be combined in a file called US Schools. The information for Nevada will still be collected by us, but you will no longer have to search two different databases. This also means that you will be able to search the Occupation File, link to the Programs of Study related to that occupation and then link to all schools in the country that offer that program. WOW!

In addition, the Programs of Study File is being rewritten as well. Using the new Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP), the programs will have more detailed descriptions, and many new and emerging programs will be added that may not have been available previously. What does this mean? It means that where there used to be about 120 programs of study, there will now be about 600! Double WOW!

The future of the Internet NCIS is looking good as well, with 79 of the NCIS Occupations now having Real World Interviews- a number that is always growing due to the flexibility of the Internet. We have three assessment/sorting tools on the Internet (four for the sites that have purchased IDEAS) making Internet NCIS a valuable commodity. Due to the new options on this version, and the interest of many of our sites, we will soon begin Internet NCIS focused training. We will still support and demonstrate the CD version but will channel most of our resources to Internet NCIS.

Lastly, we have a new design to our NCIS Website, with new technical support, news, and highlights. Check it out at www.NVDETR.org/ncis. The information here will be updated as needed, so visit often!



One of the great features that has been added to Internet NCIS is a compare occupations option. Just as you are able to compare schools in the Nevada and National Schools File you are able to compare occupations in the Occupations file. To access, select the Occupations file under the Occupations and Employment Tab. You will see the Compare Occupations icon at the top. Select this and then your two occupations and you are ready to compare. This feature makes choosing an occupation for you easier. You can print the comparison and file it away for future reference. Happy comparing!



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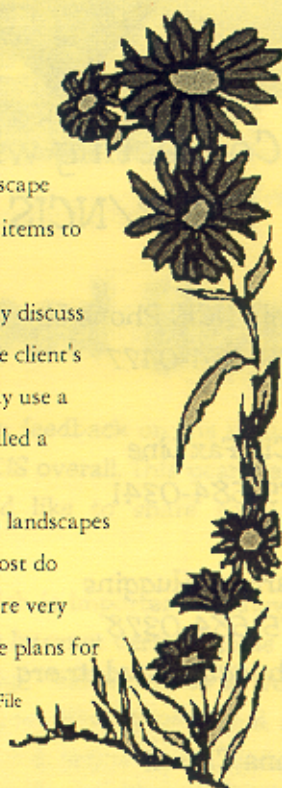
Landscape Architects

Landscape architects design and plan outdoor areas for use and beauty. Landscape architects design outdoor areas. They decide what kind of plants, walkways, and other items to include. They decide exactly where each item should be planted or built.

Landscape architects usually begin their projects by meeting with clients. They discuss how the land will be used and how clients would like it to appear. They also consider the client's budget. Next, they observe the physical makeup of the soil. For large projects, they may use a computer mapping program to show the layout of the land. This type of program is called a Geographic Information System (GIS).

Some landscape architects work on many kinds of projects. Some specialize in landscapes for private homes, waterfront projects, parks and playgrounds, or shopping centers. Most do some work on private homes, but few work only with homeowners because these jobs are very small. Some landscape architects work for government agencies where they prepare site plans for public buildings, parks or forests.

Taken from the NCIS Occupation File



This small
occupation is
growing
faster than
average

from NCIS Occupation File

OUTLOOK

Nevada's middle
range hourly
wage for
Landscape
Architect-
\$23.21-\$30.72



5 Most Satisfying SKILLS

Finger Dexterity

Visualizing

Creativity

Attention to Detail

Decision Making

from SKILLS

Holland Codes

Social

Enterprising

Investigative

from the NCIS SKILLS Program



**Landscape Architecture in
Nevada, Arizona and Oregon**

Arizona State University

The University of Arizona

Truckee Meadows Community College

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Portland Community College

University of Oregon

from the NCIS School Sort File
sorting on Program of Study and States





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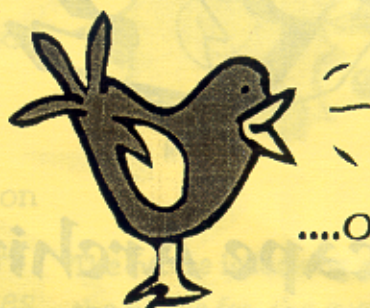
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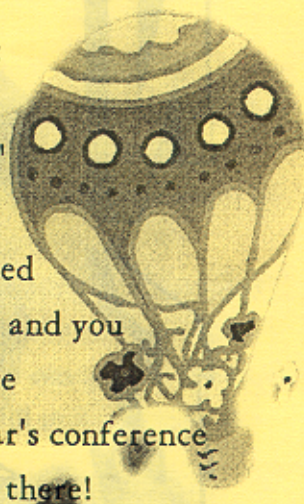
"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."

-Henry Van Dyke



Happy 20th Anniversary, ICDC!

The 20th International Career Development Conference "Global Realities: Celebrating our Differences, Honoring our Connections" will be held this year, November 5th-9th in Oakland, CA. Mention that you are associated with the Nevada Career Information System and you will receive a reduced rate on your conference fees. Sometimes it is who you know! This year's conference promises to be the best yet - hope to see you there!



Please let us know what you like and/or what you would like to see changed or improved with the system. We value your input!